

# Industries of Farmington and St. Francois County

ST. FRANCOIS COUNTY is total value of farm property ex-located about 50 miles south of ceeds \$7,000,000.00. The value of the land alone is approximate-ly \$4,960,104.00; buildings, \$1,302,040.00; implements and ma-chinery worth \$201,780.00; do-mestic animals, poultry and bees part is quite generally rough and hilly. The valleys of Big River, St. Francois and the other smaller streams are very fer-tile, while there is an extensive stretch of high land north and south from Farmington the soil being of the red clay variety,

in said county will go above \$650,000.00.

The annual wheat crop is large enough to supply its 35,000 inhabitants; the same can be said of the corn yield; consid-erable oats and forage grown.

The farmers find it very pro-fitable to devote themselves to live stock and poultry raising. There is lots of room for more farms and the rugged portions offer splendid opportunities for and would support large dairies and orchards.

Blackberries, raspberries, and similar small fruits are grown in quantities for home consump-tion. The demand of the local market, Farmington and the Mining towns, is so great that the farmers are kept busy the year round in keeping pace with it. The home supply seldom equals the demand. Great in-terest has been manifested in road improvement in the past few years. The dirt roads are generally good, many of which are graded, the county has more than 110 miles of rock and gravel roads. The county takes pride in the fact that it has more rock road than any other county in Southeast Missouri. All the principal towns are connected with rock roads except one.

This was the first county to complete its entire length (40 miles) of the St. Louis-Arcadia automobile road, the most pic-turesque and longest (102 miles) automobile road in the State, running from St. Louis to Ar-cadia, Mo. In completing this road through the county, eight steel bridges were required, one of which cost \$20,000 located north of Bonne Terre across Big River; this bridge has a to-tal length of 620 feet, 16 foot

roadway and is 45 feet above the water level and is probably one of the largest wagon bridg-es in the State. The county has 24 steel bridges and nearly 300 concrete culverts. The county has rock crushers, with screens and bins and concrete forms of various sizes. It also has a 36-horse power road roller engine.

The rough lands, some of which are timbered, can be bought for \$5.00 to \$25.00 per acre, while farming land will bring from \$20.00 to \$150.00 per acre, depending upon loca-tion. There are many varieties of timber, viz: white oak, black oak, post oak, red oak, sugar maple, black walnut, elm, cher-ry, hickory, black gum, pine and paw paw are varieties most commonly found. It was origi-nally a timbered county, but much of its area has been cut over, es-pecially the white oak and pine. In the mining district practi-cally all the timber has been cut over for cordwood.

The county has splendid trans-shipment facilities: Iron Moun-tain Railroad—main line and Belmont Branch— Illinois Sou-thern, Mississippi River and Bonne Terre, St. Francois Coun-ty Electric line and Cape Girar-deau & Northern Railroad, which furnish ample communication with St. Louis and the larger towns and cities of Southeast Mo. From Doe Run to Bonne Terre, near the center of the county, are the largest lead-pro-ducting mines in the world. The principal deep mines in this district are being operated by five large corporations, whose mills handle more than 12,000 tons of ore-bearing rock daily. In a re-port made in 1912 by an expert mining engineer, one of the cor-porations has enough ore-bear-ing rock in sight to run 22 years, crushing and milling more than 3,000 tons daily. There are be-tween 5,000 and 7,000 men em-ployed the year round, whose payroll runs over \$200,000 per month. This industry makes a ready cash market for most of the produce raised in this and adjoining counties.

Copper, zinc, iron, baryte, nickel, red and gray granite, lime and sand stone are produc-ed. The granite deposits are un-usually rich and have been work-ed for many years. The monu-ment of former Governor Mar-maduke at Jefferson City is made from a huge block of red granite supplied by this county. In St. Louis there are many large buildings which have been constructed from the same grade of granite. Several million gran-ite paving blocks from here are used in that city.

Ste. Genevieve county adjoins this county on the east which was the first county in the State to be settled by white men.

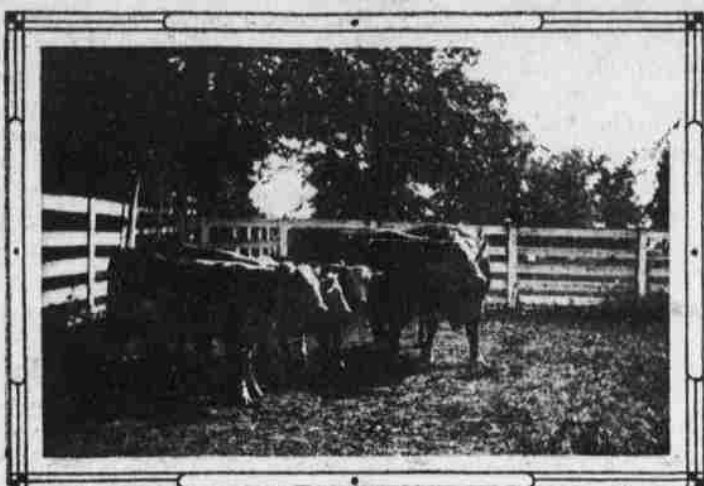
Historic grounds are to be seen on all sides. The rolling lands of the county are pictur-escape and have a climate which offers inducements for location of summer resorts. The purest and most delicious water in the world is abundantly furnished by the many bubbling springs from the foothills of the Ozarks.

St. Francois County is noted for its many factories. At El-vins, Flat River, Desloge, St. Francois and Bonne Terre are lead reduction works and allied industries; at Farmington there are two of the largest flouring mills in Southeast Missouri, with a total capacity of more than 500 barrels daily; also there are flouring mills at Bismarck,

Bonne Terre and Flat River. There are three large Ice and Cold Storage Plants in the coun-ty, several wagon and machine shops, saw mills, bottling works, granite quarries, etc.

The county has 64 school dis-tricts, which includes 10 High Schools, three of which are fully accredited with the State University, namely, at Farmington, Flat River and Bonne Terre. Carleton College, one of the largest Collegiate Institutes in

It takes thirteen State banks to take care of the financial in-terest of St. Francois county. At Farmington there are three very strong financial institu-tions, three at Bonne Terre, two at Flat River, Bismarck, Elvins and Leadwood each have one.



Some Prize Winners from Judge E. E. Swink's Herd.

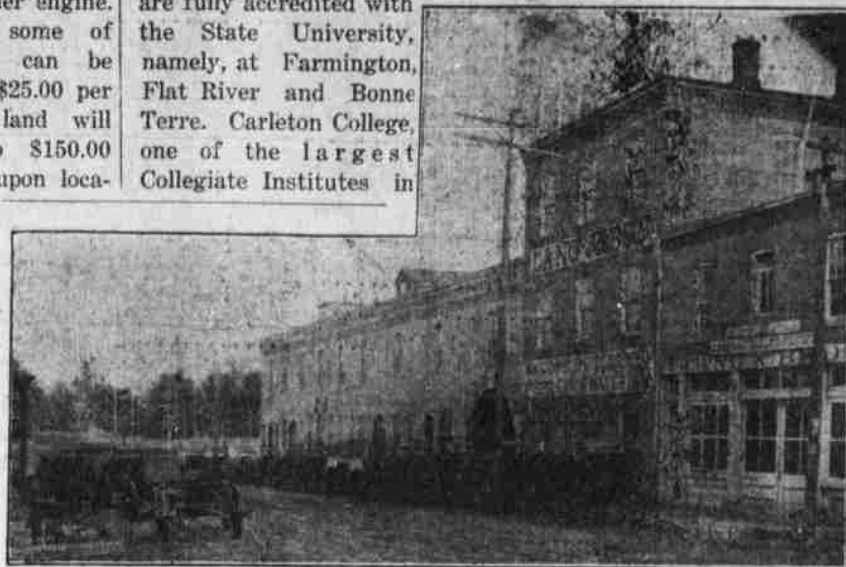
which is abundantly productive. There are many small areas of this red clay soil which occurs throughout the county.

The approximate land area in acres is 293,120, while the num-ber of acres devoted to farming is about 100,000, the total num-ber of acres under fence approx-imates 185,985. The land that is improved equals about 51 per cent of the total. At least there are 50,000 acres of fertile land yet to be improved. The aver-age in a farm is 147.2, while the number of improved acres in the average farm is 77.9. The

are the principal grain products. Timothy, clover, millet, cowpeas and alfalfa are successfully grown. The total value of all the crops this year will exceed \$1,000,000.00.

Cattle raising is carried on ex-tensively throughout the coun-ty and there are many herds of registered Hereford and Short-horn cattle. The total number of cattle in the county is approx-imately 11,000, the value of which exceeds \$250,000.00.

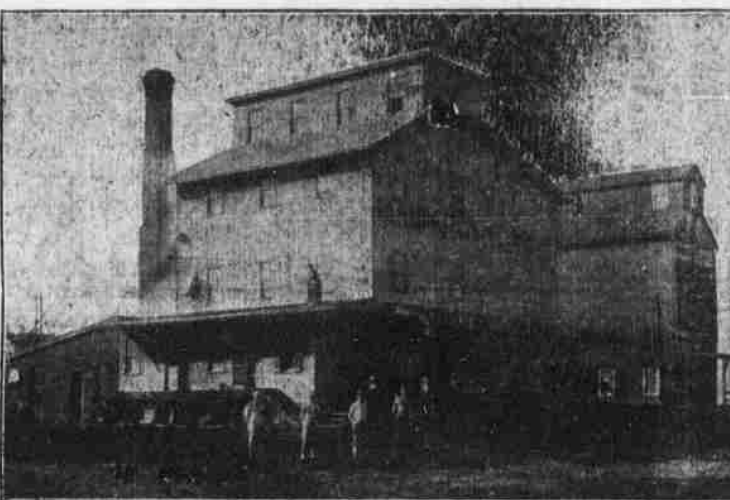
Besides cattle, the county ships mules, horses, hogs, sheep, and goats. The value of same



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Southeast Missouri, is located at Farmington. The Ozark Busi-ness University, an institution that ranks above the average in the business world, is commodi-ously located at the County Seat. At Farmington is located State Hospital No. 4 for the insane. As this is the last institute of its kind built by the State it is also the best, being supplied with

There are ten newspapers pub-lished in the county. Every town of any size has a newspa-per which looks after the inter-est of the community in which it is published and, at the same time, sees to it that the advan-tages and opportunities of St. Francois county are properly ex-ploited to the world. Each town has its attractions and the in-



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all modern conveniences. The buildings are on the cottage plan, all rooms of which are well light-ed, clean and well ventilated. At present there are more than 600 patients there. Dr. G. E. Scrutfield is superintendent.

habitants are particularly hos-pitable and intermingle freely. The county is full of churches. There are 12 Methodist, 12 Bap-tist, 4 Christian, 6 Catholic, 3 Presbyterian, 2 Lutheran and 1 Congregational church.

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